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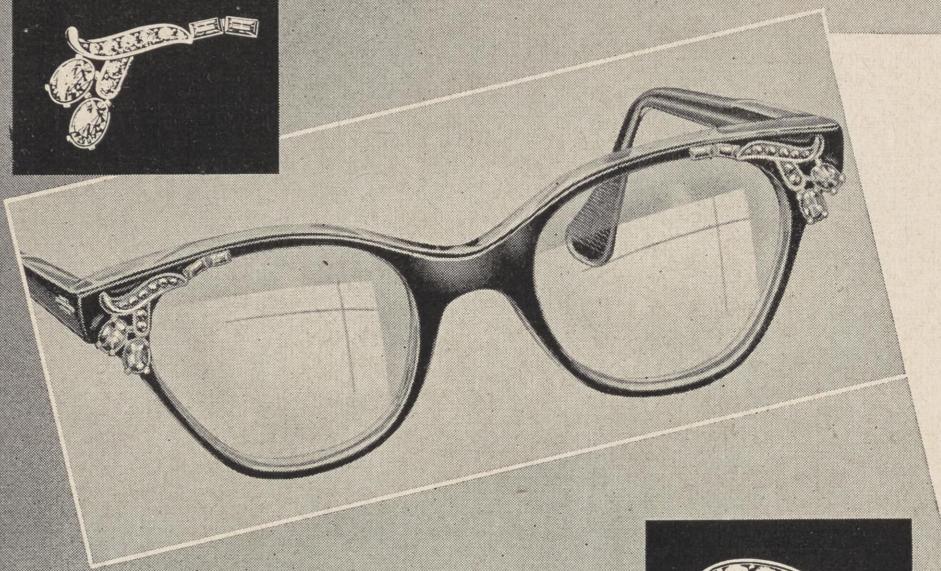
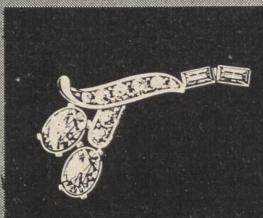
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NICO To Hold Joint Meeting With CCO Alumni

ALL ALUMNI of Northern Illinois College are urged to be present at a joint meeting with the Chicago College alumni to be held in Milwaukee on Friday, July 8, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Schroeder Hotel. The name of the dining room will be posted on the AOA Convention bulletin board, and tickets will be sold at the registration desk on July 6. No other notification of this meeting is being sent to you, so the date and time should be noted now to insure attendance. Cost of the luncheon will be around \$3.00.

President John R. Kennedy, in behalf of the other national officers and the state chapter officers, earnestly requests that every alumnus at the AOA Convention, attend this vitally important re-organization meeting. Election of officers will take place, and several committees will be formed to carry out the initial steps in re-organizing both alumni groups under a new banner, Illinois College of Optometry.

The story of the merger of NICO and CCO appearing on the following pages gives all of the information available to date about the new *Illinois College of Optometry*. It is extremely important that the alumni of both institutions be acquainted with ALL of the facts of the merger. The new officers of ICO will be there to report on the proceedings.

Dr. Eugene W. Strawn, elected president of the new college by the joint boards of trustees, will also represent the CCO alumni. He has served as president of their organization. As president of ICO, he will tell about present plans for the institution, and so far as possible, project them into the future. It is anticipated that every member of the 12-man board of trustees will be present.

As vice-president and dean, Dr. Richard Feinberg will report on matters pertaining to the academic affairs. Members of the ICO faculty will be introduced. The arrangements for students with Illinois Institute of Technology will be explained. Dr. Feinberg will announce plans for future post-graduate courses and a general statement of policy for public relations.

Highlights of the legal and business problems of the new college will be told by Dr.

Morton L. Abram, vice-president and administrator of business affairs. The long delay in completing the merger was due largely to the legal matters such as the law suits, and disposition of properties. He will report on what is being done with the NICO buildings and equipment and what happens to the NICO charter. He also will summarize briefly what Technology Center is, and what the long range plans are for its further development and expansion.

Suggested plans for the new alumni association will be presented by Dr. Kennedy, and it is expected that a new constitution will be adopted at this meeting. Matters up for discussion will be membership, dues, alumni fund, officers and state chapters.

This meeting is *very* important. It concerns YOU, and the future of your new Alma Mater, as well as your profession.

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NICO and CCO Form New Illinois College of Optometry

THE MERGER of the Northern Illinois College of Optometry and Chicago College is now a reality, and the new institution has been chartered as the Illinois College of Optometry by the State of Illinois, according to Dr. Glenn H. Moore, chairman of the new board of trustees. Dr. Eugene W. Strawn, of Freeport, Ill., is the new president. He formerly was chairman of the board of CCO, while Dr. Moore was chairman of the NICO board.

Illinois College occupies the new modern building erected last year by CCO at 3241 S. Michigan, in Technology Center, and is the first major professional college in the health care field to be established there. It becomes the largest optometric institution in the nation with alumni representing well over half of the optometrists in practice, Dr. Moore declared.

Makes Stronger School

"The union of optometry's oldest and youngest private educational institutions will materially strengthen the position of the independent professional college," he said. "The role of the unhampered private college today is extremely important to the advancement of the profession, and this merger is another milestone marking the progress of optometry."

President Strawn received his doctor of optometry degree in 1940 from CCO, and has been active in the profession both as a private practitioner and as a member of the Armed Forces. His optometric career was interrupted by World War II, when he was called to active duty as Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Ft. Francis Warren, Wyo., and later as director of mobilization and training division, Office of the Chief of Transportation, Pentagon, Washington, D. C. Reverted to inactive status as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1947, he resumed his practice in Freeport. He is chairman of the military advisory committee of the American Optometric Association, and U. S. Army. He has been president, and is secretary of the Association of Military Optometrists.

Former Officers Remain

Dr. Richard Feinberg, former president of NICO, is vice-president and dean; Dr. Morton L. Abram, former president of CCO, is vice-president and business administrator.

Nationally known for his research in occupational vision, Dr. Feinberg was dean of the College of Optometry at Pacific University for three years before coming to NICO. He received his B.S. degree in 1933



Dr. Strawn



Dr. Abram

from the University of Rochester, and his Ph.D. degree from Purdue University in 1947.

Dr. Abram was graduated from DePaul University in 1937 with the degree LL.B., and practiced law before joining the Illinois State Department of Vocational Education as a counsellor. Noted for his work in optometric jurisprudence, he has compiled a reference of legal cases affecting optometry since its inception. He has been an officer of CCO since 1945, and has been largely responsible for its recent development.

Mrs. Margarite McNally, who has served NICO as director of information and executive secretary of the alumni association, will continue her work in alumni and public relations for the new college. Educated at Northwestern University, Medill School of Journalism, she has been engaged in development and public relations work for a number of years.

Dr. E. R. Tennant has been named clinic director, and Dr. Walter Yasko is to continue in charge of the former NICO clinic. Dr. H. S. Wodis is registrar. Dr. Carl Shepard, member of the NICO faculty for over a

quarter of a century, and who once served on the CCO staff, will be with the new college. Other faculty appointments will be announced in the near future, according to President Strawn.

Maintain Three Clinics

All classes will be held in the new building, but clinical training will be given at both the former clinics. There also is a smaller clinic adjacent to the new college which will be limited to visual training cases. Plans are underway for disposition of the former site of CCO on Chicago's north side, and the NICO properties, Dr. Strawn said.

Under the direction of Dean Feinberg, the Illinois College will continue the practical operational method of teaching. The student will be oriented to clinical handling of patients at the outset of his professional studies. All students will receive a thorough grounding in patient-doctor relationship.

"This kind of teaching will produce a skilled practical optometrist, Dr. Strawn stated, "and the graduate who so desires will have an opportunity to continue studies leading to the field of teaching or research."

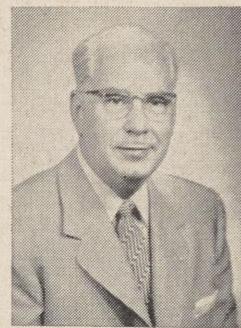
The Illinois College accepts students after two years of pre-optometry study completed at an accredited liberal arts college or university. This is in accordance with the requirements of the council on education and professional guidance of the AOA. Tuition will remain at \$600 per academic year, and the quarter system will be in effect.

Students enrolling in the new school next September will have many advantages heretofore not available, Dr. Strawn declared. The finest instruction will be offered by a faculty made up of men who have been associated with the former institutions for many years. The combined libraries will contain one of the largest and most complete collections of optometric and related subjects.

More Advantages

Arrangements have been made with the Illinois Institute of Technology to provide housing and recreation facilities for students of Illinois College. The rapid development of Technology Center within the last two years makes it possible for students of independent colleges located there to utilize

Elected to fill unexpired term of NICO Trustee, Dr. Marguerite T. Eberl, Milwaukee.



Dr. Rowe

the new dormitories, apartments, chapel, student union, and the modern functional commons building recently completed. Students of the new Illinois College, therefore, will enjoy all of the benefits and advantages of a large university campus, Dr. Strawn pointed out.

Illinois Academy Elects Officers

Dr. Richard Feinberg was re-elected president of the Illinois Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry at the annual meeting held on February 13th in Chicago. Dr. Eugene Strawn, Freeport, remains president-elect, and Dr. Grace Stevenson West, Chicago, was elected secretary-treasurer. Members of the executive committee are Drs. A. R. Roche, Park Ridge; Morton Abram and Frederick Kushner, Chicago.

Several educational sessions will be presented by the program committee, Dr. Kushner and Dr. George Jessen, Chicago.

Dr. Dean Ambrose, Charleston, is the immediate past secretary-treasurer of the Chapter.

... AND SHE CAN SEW, TOO.

In addition to her duties as Alumni secretary and public relations director for the College, Mrs. Margarite McNally recently demonstrated another ability. She can sew a fine seam. The evidence is in the forty black broadcloth covers of various sizes and shapes she cut out and sewed for visual training and other instruments in the clinic.

ILLNESS IS FATAL TO DR. SAKADA

An illness of several months duration proved fatal to Randolph M. Sakada, assistant professor of optometry at NICO since 1947. He succumbed on June 4, 1955. A graduate of the University of California School of Optometry, Dr. Sakada had been a member of the NICO staff since 1947. He was active in Japanese-American organizations both nationally and locally. He was a life member of the Omega Delta fraternity, the Square and Compasses club, and the U. of C. alumni association. He was also active in optometric circles, as a member of the Chicago South Side Optometric Society, the Illinois Optometric Association, and the A.O.A. He served as vestryman of the St. Paul Episcopal church of Chicago, and was a member of the Composite Lodge No. 879, A.F. & A.M. His wife, Shizuko formerly of San Mateo, Calif., survives.

REED HONORED BY A.M.O.

Dr. D. R. Reed ('38), LaPorte, Ind., recently received the Meritorious Service Award from the Association of Military Optometrists of the United States. The citation was read and the award presented by Dr. Raymond R. Roy of Portland, Ore., immediate past president of the association, during the meeting of the Wisconsin Optometric Association.

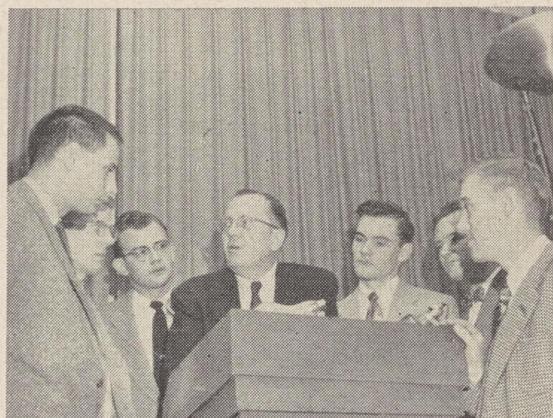
Recently promoted to Major in the optometry section of the Army Medical Service, Dr. Reed's enlisted and commissioned service extends back to 1942. He received his degree, magna cum laude, from NICO in 1938. He is on the executive council of the Indiana Chapter of the American Academy of Optometry and is president of the Indiana Optometric Association. Dr. Reed has been active in many local service club, civic and community organizations. At the present time he is attached, as staff optometrist, to the 395th Station Hospital (Reserve).

'54 GRAD OPENS MICH. OFFICE

Dr. John J. Lyons (Jan. '54) has announced the opening of his office at 15885 Woodward Ave., Highland Park. Dr. Lyons is a native of Berkley, Mich.

Students Hear Light Expert

A recent guest lecturer at Northern Illinois College of Optometry was Mr. Carl Zersen, director of the Chicago Lighting Institute. Speaking to the entire student body and faculty, he explained the purpose of the Institute and how it serves the greater Chicago area. Its facilities are available to persons working in the fields of vision and lighting, and to those concerned with sight and light, he said.



Following Mr. Zersen's talk, several students gathered around to ask more questions. Here are (from left) Stanley Herr, Baltimore, Md.; Earle Hunter, Juneau, Alaska; Richard Brauer, Keystone, Iowa; Mr. Zersen, James Gallager, Morgan-town, W. Va.; Clifford Wilson, Berrien Springs, Mich.; Edward Choryan, Chicago.

Mr. Zersen pointed out the growing awareness among vision specialists and lighting engineers that the two groups have many common problems which can be solved by sharing knowledge. In addition, he said, are those individuals interested in visual performance in industry such as the plant doctor, nurse, safety engineer, personnel director and psychologist. School officials, teachers and nurses also seek information pertaining to lighting and seeing as they affect the child's achievement in the classroom.

He invited members of the senior class to visit the lighting headquarters located at 37 S. Wabash Avenue to see the display of scientific exhibits, and modern installations of lighting for home, office, classroom and factory.

NICO-CCO Alumni Hold Joint Meeting In Illinois

On Feb. 13, well over a hundred interested alumni of NICO and Chicago College of Optometry sat down together for a luncheon meeting to hear a report on the merger negotiations between the Boards of Trustees of the two institutions. The meeting was held at the Congress Hotel, Chicago, during the convention of the Illinois Optometric Association.

Dr. Moore, speaking for both boards, stated that the reason for the merger was the low enrollment in both colleges, and the improbability of an increase in number of students in the near future. By combining the students and faculty under one roof and under one administration, operating costs would be reduced. Both colleges derive their income mainly from tuition, he reported, and both colleges at the present time are operating at a deficit.

"This condition is no worse nor no better than it is in other schools," said Dr. Moore, "and the two boards became vitally concerned with maintaining high standards of education and fine staffs of instructors." The present situation could have been handled by lowering standards, by closing, or by merger. The first two alternatives would be psychologically catastrophic to the profession, he declared.

Comments on the merger were made by the following NICO Alumni:

Dr. Fred Williams, ('34) president of the IOA, commented that the IOA has maintained a "hands off" policy in supporting either school, and that if a merger

were negotiated it would simplify relationships. He said he was "100 percent for the merger."

Dr. Don Frantz, ('37) secretary of the AOA Council on Education said that he "wanted such a merger to take place" and felt that it would result in an even finer educational institution.

Dr. Charles DeMoure, president of the Illinois State Board of Examiners, stated that the board would welcome a prosperous new school. He pointed out that the board has been extremely concerned by the small number of candidates taking the examinations. At the last examination only 12 new candidates applied.

Dr. James F. Wahl, ('23) AOA trustee, stated that the AOA is interested in the end result (of any school), the graduated student. "There is a need for quantity and quality, and if a merger of NICO and CCO can bring that about, we are for it."

Dr. D. Russell Reed ('38) president of the Indiana Optometric Association, declared that if the merger takes place, Indiana will be in a better position to give more assistance to such an institution.



Seated at the head table during the joint meeting were (from left) Drs. Kennedy, McHugh, Abram, Strawn, Moore, Feinberg, Wahl, Williams. Also at the table, but not shown were Drs. Frantz and DeMoure. In the foreground, Drs. Pritchard and Engelmann.

Dr. John R. Kennedy, ('48) president, NICO Alumni Association, stated that the Alumni Association can be a guiding force in the formulating of decisions affecting the college, and that a great effort would be made to develop a new sense of loyalty for the combined institutions among the existing alumni.

College Presidents Comment

Presidents of both colleges also commented on the merger. President Feinberg expressed his views as an educator emphasizing that "a college should exist only for the education of the student, and the merger should not be looked upon as just an answer to financial problems. "Emphasis should be," he said, "on the fact that such a merger would make possible a *better* education for the student."

President Abram stated that "this merger will translate into action the hope and aspiration of all in Chicago. It should be looked on with a great deal of positivism. Through it we will be able to solve certain problems, and it will also eliminate certain barriers that have been present over the years."

At the conclusion of the joint session, the NICO Illinois Chapter, convened for the annual business meeting. Dr. Wilbur McHugh, president, called the meeting to order. After a discussion as to when the merger would become an actuality, it was decided to withhold election of new officers for three months. This was put in form of a motion, and carried. It was also suggested that the alumni associations from both colleges meet for discussion on consolidation of the two groups.

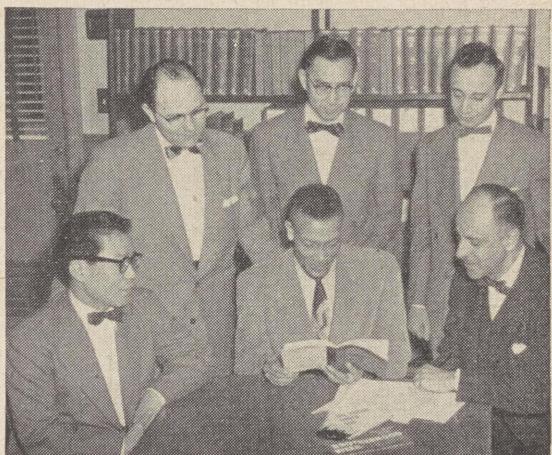
Lighting Institute Salutes NICO

The Chicago Lighting Institute, on the occasion of its 85th anniversary of service to the electric lighting industry, paid tribute to NICO.

Mr. Carl Zersen, managing director of the Institute, commended the college and President Richard Feinberg for aiding and contributing to the Institute's educational program in cosponsoring a series of lectures on "Seeing and Lighting in the World Today." The series will be offered again in the winter of 1955.

Brotherhood Week Observed

Students and faculty at Northern Illinois College of Optometry joined in observing National Brotherhood Week, Feb. 20-26, sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews. President Richard Feinberg addressed the students reminding them of their cooperation within their collegiate community and that each soon would be relocating in another community to serve his fellow men.



Looking over some literature provided for Brotherhood Week by the National Conference on Christians and Jews are: (seated, from left) Frank Nishio, Fresno, Calif.; John Williams, Beaumont, Tex.; President Feinberg; (standing, from left) Dean Kushner, Dr. Roy Teshima, and Shokrollah Reyhani of Iran.

"You may forget some of your geometric optics, or some of your bacteriology courses," he said "but I hope that you never will forget your ethical relationships with mankind." He pointed out that, "Attitudes are nurtured, not natured. Prejudice is fostered, not fathered. Prejudices are not carried in the germ plasm; they are developed in the culture that surrounds us . . . through the family groups, the church, the school, business, and the profession."

An intra-fraternity conference was held afterwards to discuss plans for furthering the aims of brotherhood. The fraternities active at NICO were represented by their respective presidents as follows: Gamma Omega Phi, Irwin Wishnow; Omega Delta, Roger Hanson; Omega Epsilon Phi, Kenneth Bush; Phi Theta Upsilon, Fred Reitz.

Dean Kushner Resigns

Dr. Richard Feinberg, president of the Northern Illinois College of Optometry, announces that Dr. Frederick Kushner has tendered his resignation as dean effective August 31, 1955. Dr. Kushner has been in the dean's office since 1951, having been first assistant and then acting dean, and in December, 1952, was appointed dean of the college. Prior to that time he was head of the optometry department.

"We reluctantly have accepted Dean Kushner's resignation," stated Dr. Feinberg, "but we are obliged to respect his decision to henceforth devote all of his time and energies to the demands of private practice."

To Practice In Iowa

Upon terminating his deanship, Dr. Kushner will join Dr. J. J. Brady as a partner in an extensive practice in Sheldon, Iowa. Dr. Brady is a member of the board of trustees of the college.

A native of Vienna, Austria, Dr. Kushner's education at the University of Vienna Medical school where he spent four years, was interrupted by World War II. After a hazardous flight across Europe, he arrived in the United States in 1940. He enrolled in NICO in 1944, and shortly thereafter began his teaching career. He received the Doctor of Optometry degree in 1946, and four years later was awarded the honorary degree, Doctor of Ocular Science, for outstanding service to the profession.

Extra-Curricular Activities

A Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry, he has maintained a practice on the south side of Chicago for the past nine years. He is a charter member, and past president of the Chicago South Side Optometric Society, and also the Chicago Area Optometric Council. He is a member of several committees of the Illinois Optometric Association, and serves on the Committee of Social and Health Trends of the Optometric Association. He is widely known as an outstanding optometric educator, practitioner, and lecturer.

Dr. Kushner also has found time to take an active part in suburban Roseland com-

munity activities, where he resides with his wife, Doris, and three children, Kitty, age 12, Kenny, age 7, and Roxanne, 5 years old. He is active in Parent-Teachers association work, is president of the Shore Line Lions club, and an officer in his Masonic lodge.

"Our College has never had a more loyal and hard working member on the teaching or administrative staff," President Feinberg told the student assembly and faculty. "His absence after 11 years of service will be greatly felt and he will be missed. We know that he will do as outstanding a job in his new endeavor as he has done here at NICO."

REPORTS TO SOUTHEASTERN

Dr. Benn Boss, Hickory, N. C., vice-president of the southern region of the Alumni Association, attended the annual meeting of the Southeastern Chapter, in Miami Beach, on May 2. This chapter is one of the oldest in the association, having members from 11 states. Dr. Henry Ledbetter ('49), Rockingham, N. C., president, called the meeting to order.

In sharp contrast to former meetings, the attendance was narrowed to only 14 members. Dr. Boss brought the group the latest information concerning the merger of NICO and Chicago College. He reported on the alumni student procurement program, asking all to cooperate to the fullest with the college and the alumni officers.

Dr. Harriet De Vere, ('35), Morgantown, N. C., was elected president of the chapter, and Dr. David Walker ('49), Charlotte, N. C., secretary-treasurer. Others in attendance were:

- Dr. J. M. Bailey ('39) Charlotte, N. C.
- Dr. W. Judd Chapman ('49), Tallahassee, Fla.
- Dr. George F. Cribb ('50), Orlando, Fla.
- Dr. Alvin L. Frey ('48), Tampa, Fla.
- Dr. Walter Kominsky ('49), Oak Hill, W. Va.
- Dr. Leonard Margolis ('48), Homestead, Fla.
- Dr. Tom Moore ('20), Tallahassee, Fla.
- Dr. K. W. Ramsey, ('39), Marion, N. C.
- Dr. F. D. Gudbaur ('29), Ft. Meyers, Fla.
- Dr. Fern Ivy ('49), Madisonville, Ky.
- Dr. David S. Walker ('49), Charlotte, N. C.
- Dr. D. L. Weinenberg ('49), DeFuniak Springs, Fla.

Welcome New Members

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Dr. S. Albert Esposito (Sept. '48)
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903 Greene St., Augusta
Dr. Richard R. Clifford (Sept. '48)
903 Greene St., Augusta
Dr. George C. Slade (Feb. '49)
Main St., Barnesville

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Dr. Orr W. Keen (Sept. '48)
1727 Burton Ave., Burley

INDIANA

Dr. Cedric MacDaniel (Oct. '19)
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IOWA

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Dr. Eugene C. Gale (Feb. '48)
413 Tracy St., Audubon

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Dr. B. Botious Sullivan (July '25)
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Dr. James Paton (Apr. '47)
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Dr. Alfred Neitzke (Sept. '47)
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Dr. Walter H. Norbin, Jr. (Feb. '49)
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Last Class Graduates

The class of June, 1955, is the last to be graduated from Northern Illinois College of Optometry. Forty-seven men and one woman received the Doctor of Optometry degree, and 32 second year students were awarded the Bachelor of Science degree on June 26, at the 11th Convocation held in Bryn Mawr Community church, 70th and Jeffery. Honorary degrees were conferred upon Marguerite T. Eberl, O.D.; Malcolm E. Edwards, O.D.; Felix A. Koetting, O.D. All served as trustees of NICO.

Dr. Eugene W. Strawn, gave the convocation address. Candidates for degrees were presented by Dean Frederick Kushner, and the degrees were conferred by President Richard Feinberg. Dr. Glenn H. Moore, board chairman, administered the optometric oath. Barry A. Parker, Passaic, N. J. was valedictorian of his class. The following students were graduated cum laude: Jerome S. Brotman, Chicago, Ill.; Kenneth C. Bush, Bemidji, Minn.; William H. Gosnell, Bartlesville, Okla.; James G. Wilcox, Royalton, Minn.

Stanley K. Tanaka, Honolulu, was the recipient of the \$100 Phillip Jackman award for the student who had the highest grades in his class at the end of the fifth quarter of the professional curriculum. The clinical optometry award was presented to Dwight E. Rhude, of Detroit, and Harold R. Wilson, Webster City, Iowa, was chosen for leadership and service award.

Following the exercises, a reception was held for more than 300 guests and relatives of the graduates.

Those who received the O.D. degree are:

Marcus W. Arnold, Jr.	Fredric P. Nadalin
Maurice L. Barstow	Dale T. Newland, Jr.
Eric W. Beeson	Frank Y. Niblack
Jerome Sidney Brotman	Joseph C. O'Brien
Albert A. Bucar	Donald Patrick O'Keefe
Kenneth C. Bush	Barry A. Parker
Patrick H. Crotty	Dale Richard Petersen
Ronald O. Davis	Clement T. Piaskowski
Leonard M. DiGregorio	Harry L. Pollack
James T. Gallagher	Roy William Preston
Robert D. Gilhuly	John Joseph Ramirez
William H. Gosnell	Roy Edward Rengstorff
Arnold Grossman	Shokrollah Reyhani
Roman A. Gutowski	Dwight Edward Rhude
Robert L. Hartsell	John Thomas Riendl

Personal Notes

Dr. William W. VauDell, Jr. ('48) has moved his optometric practice from 4751 Central Ave., Detroit, to 46010 Cass Ave., Utica, Mich.

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Dr. and Mrs. John E. Martin (June '19), Carroll, Iowa, are reported to have had a wonderful time on a trip south late in February, which took them to Mexico and northern Texas.

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Dr. Peter F. Schumaker (May, '54) has become associated with Dr. Dwight Hook and Dr. Paul W. Thielking (May '49), Des Moines, Iowa. He will conduct a general practice and will specialize in visual problems of children, visual training and orthoptics. Dr. Schumaker was valedictorian of his class.

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President Richard Feinberg has been selected for membership on two committees of the Chicago Association of Commerce and Industry. They are, the Committee on Educational Institutions and the Committee on Civic Affairs.

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Dr. E. F. Gewe (June '32) of Nashville, was elected president of the Southern Illinois Optometric Society at their January meeting.

Daniel D. Hinson
Masami Kanda
Aaron Norman Kruse
Betsy Lou Lahoda
Richard B. Lubinski
Sheldon Mayer
Carl H. McGuire
Rusel Okle Miller
Yale Myrem Miller
Bernard Paul Nevel

Samuel D. Sanzo
John T. Schaefer
Anthony A. Schlaefer
Edward Fred Stein
William Albert Stoker
Mark R. Sutton
Robert C. VanDerMeer
Asher Lynn Weisman
James George Wilcox
Harold R. Wilson

Save Your Vision Week Has Top Billing In Chicago

Education, information, public relations and television played an important role in celebrating Save Your Vision Week in the Greater Chicago area. The week was launched by a television show, "Choose Your Career," in which three high school seniors (a girl and two boys) directed questions about optometry as a career to a panel consisting of Drs. Glenn H. Moore, Carl F. Shepard, George N. Jessen and Mario Rubinelli.

The first question, naturally, was: What is optometry? Other questions which are typical of those asked by hundreds of high school seniors thinking about optometry as a career were: What is the cost of an education in optometry? Are there opportunities for women? Is there such a thing as an assistant in optometry (as compared to a nurse)? How do you go about opening up a practice? How much do optometrists make? What are the different fields in optometry? Is it possible to obtain a scholarship in optometry? What special skills are needed to be an optometrist? What type of research is being done in optometry? These questions and others were ably answered by the panel. The large audience viewing the show at home undoubtedly got a better understanding of what optometry IS.

Dr. Rubinelli also appeared on the *Femme* TV show in an interview type of program where the theme was "How to View Television." Dr. Rubinelli, with the aid of visual charts, discussed the seven rules endorsed by the AOA. During the week Dr. James J. Gardner, president-elect of the Illinois Optometric Association, was on another popular TV program, the *Bob and Kay* show. He did a good job in explaining what an optometrist does and why visual training is an important part of his practice. On a fourth TV program, Dr. Jessen discussed contact lenses.

Dr. Rubinelli, who is in charge of the IOA public relations, said that all of the stations reported excellent response from the viewing audience—particularly to the "Choose Your Career" program.

Program at College

NICO observed Vision Week by presenting a program for students and faculty. Three prominent Chicagoans addressed the assembly. They were Mrs. Dorothy Gray, executive director of the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness, Dr. Glenn H. Moore, chairman of the Board of Trustees



This is a picture of a picture projected on the TV screen taken by Dr. Feinberg in his home. From left are: Drs. Moore, Jessen and Shepard as they were conducting the TV panel "Choose your Career." Dr. Rubinelli was seated at the right of Shepard, but not in view when this photo was snapped. (Dr. Feinberg used an E. K. Retina camera, 1/25 sec., tri-x film)

of NICO, and Mr. Roy P. Stealey, assistant editor of *The Optometric Weekly*. President Richard Feinberg introduced the speakers.

Mrs. Gray told about the events which lead to the adoption of the school vision screening program in Illinois. Prior to 1948, she said, school nurses and others concerned with screening followed no standard procedure. Spearheaded by the I.S.P.B., meetings were arranged for representatives of the eye professions, related agencies and organizations for the purpose of developing policies and procedures for a standard school vision screening program. "We used the team approach," she said, "to win the approval and support of the optometrists, ophthalmologists, nurses, teachers and parents."

Citing glaucoma as a common and serious eye disease that sometime leads to blindness, Mrs. Gray stressed the importance of doing a thorough eye examination "so as not to miss a single symptom that may later develop into blindness." She called attention to the

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Fitting A Ptosis Crutch*

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The action of the lids is controlled by two antagonistic muscle systems. The orbicularis oculi is the sphincter muscle of the eye. It forms an elliptical sheet which surrounds the palpebral fissure, covers the lids and spreads out for some distance onto the temple, forehead and cheek. It consists of two portions. The orbital portion sweeps across the orbital margin in a series of concentric loops. The palpebral portion is the essential part of the muscle, and is confined to the lid. By its contraction, the lids are tightly closed.

Its antagonist, the levator palpebrae superioris, spreads out in a fan-shaped manner as it passes anteriorly along the roof of the orbit to insert in the skin of the upper lid while passing through the fibers of the orbicularis. A portion of this muscle forms the unstriped superior palpebral muscle, which inserts into the front and lower part of the tarsal plate. This is often referred to as the sympathetically innervated Muscle of Müller, which serves to widen the palpebral fissure.

The levator and Muscle of Müller work synergistically in antagonism to the palpebral orbicularis. If there is any maldevelopment or faulty innervation to either of these antagonists, there can result an abnormal palpebral opening.

True ptosis may be the result of insufficient innervation to the levator palpebrae superioris because of involvement of the third cranial nerve (occulomotor), or inhibition of the sympathetic stimulation to the Muscle of Müller. This would be termed paralytic or paretic blepharoptosis. The paretic form is, by far, the more frequent form encountered. It is usually bilateral. When marked, it interferes with vision because the upper lid covers the pupil.

Patients generally attempt to raise the lid by forced action of the occipitofrontalis, wrinkling the skin of the forehead and raising the brow. When the condition is pronounced and bilateral, they favor exposure

of the pupil by throwing the head backward. There is often defective upward movement of the eyes, since the superior rectus is often afflicted along with the levator. Occasionally, we find a curious example of associated elevation of the upper lid with downward movement of the jaw. This is called "jaw winking."

Ptosis may be congenital or acquired. When congenital, it is usually bilateral due to deficient development of the levator. Acquired ptosis is usually unilateral and caused by a paralysis of the branch of the third nerve supplying the levator. Occasionally, unilateral ptosis may be due to muscular degeneration or dystrophy, or to peripheral or central nervous disorders.

Mechanical ptosis is a variety due to increased weight of the lids as occurs in trachoma, tylosis, tumors, or lack of support as follows atrophy of the globe or enucleation.

In either case, the most effective therapy for the patient has been the successful fitting of a ptosis crutch. Surgery has not produced permanent successful results, since the amount of possible recession of the levator is limited by the necessity of allowing sufficient lid action for the eyes to blink and prevent corneal dessication. Also, in elderly persons, the tissues involved, having lost their normal tonicity, continue to stretch due to the weight of the lids, and the ptosis reappears after one or two years, requiring repeated surgical care.

The ptosis crutch, on the other hand, affords the patient immediate improvement cosmetically and visually without the dangers, expense and inconvenience of surgical care.

Procedure In Fitting A Ptosis Crutch

1. Select a frame which will conceal the ptosis wires as much as practicable. Generally a zyl top eyewire in a darker color will accomplish this best. It is particularly important if bifocals are to be fitted, that the frame should have rocking pads. These may be attached to an all-zyl frame, if necessary. Relaxo, or riding bow temples are desirable for a secure hold of the frame against the face in order to counteract the action of the ptosis wires, which tend to push the frame away from the face. These pads may be cov-

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ered with rubber Nose-Ease cushions for additional comfort.

2. Having selected a suitable frame, measure (in millimeters) the distance from the inner canthus of the eye to the plane of the nasal eyewire area of the frame, where the ptosis wires will eventually be attached. This is best done by inserting a P.D. rule through the eyewire of the frame while it is being worn, and measuring from the back (ocular) side of the frame, along the wall of the bridge, to the recess formed above the inner canthus where the brow meets the wall of the nose.

Be sure to allow for the end of the P.D. rule, which is not calibrated, to the point where the calibrations begin. In my own office, I have a rule which has had this excess plastic cut away and the end has been rounded to easily fit into the supraorbital recess. What is desired here is the distance from this recess to the back plane of the frame. Next, measure the horizontal distance between the two inner canthi in millimeters. Record the width of the palpebral fissure, laterally and vertically, noting any difference in the opening or height of the two eyes. The measurements needed are illustrated in Figure 1, and will be of help in adjusting the wires prior to fitting them to the patient's face.

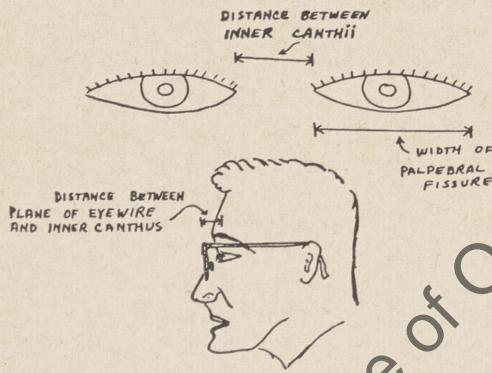


Figure 1
Measurements needed prior to fitting a ptosis crutch

3. The ptosis wires can be purchased from any large jewelers' supply house or gold refining company. The wire is made of .025 gauge 10K white gold round wire, it is available in 1 ft. lengths and is sold by weight. The white gold contains nickel, giving it a higher spring tension than a comparative thickness of yellow gold wire of

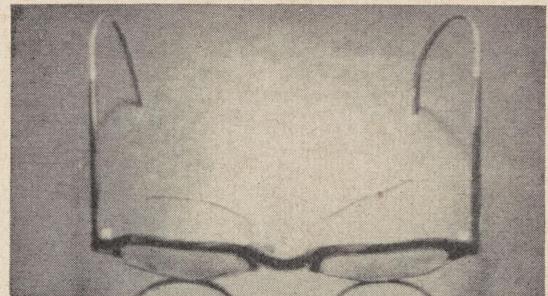


Figure 2

Note that wires are not bent symmetrically, since the amount of opening on each side is different. Profile of every patient differs on each side. Thus, doctors should not strive for symmetry.

similar gauge. The thickness may be increased or decreased, depending on the extent of lid weight and ptosis; however, the .025 gauge has worked successfully on all cases thus far encountered.

4. The wires are cut into three-inch lengths, and each 12-inch length of wire can, therefore, make two pairs of ptosis crutches. The end of the wire is then electrically gold-soldered to the metal eyewire of a combination gold-zyl type frame, just above the point of solder of the pad guard arm. For an all-zyl frame, the wire is soldered perpendicularly onto a sheet of gold plate of suitable thickness, about 3 x 5 millimeters, through which small screw holes have been tapped above and below the point of solder. This is then attached to the zyl frame just lateral and above the zyl pads, about one millimeter below the level of the bridge. The attachment is identical to the method used to attach a pair of auxiliary rocking pads to a zyl frame.

5. The wires are then angled outward, straight back from the frame at an angle commensurate with the previously measured horizontal distance between the two inner canthi. Having also measured the distance from the plane of the eyewire to the inner canthus, a right-angle horizontal bend is made, using a snipe nose or half round plier, laterally. From this point the wire is arched vertically (concave down) and laterally (concave away from frame) by bending it along the inner surface of the thumb. The purpose of these bends is to approximate the curvature of the supraorbital recess between the upper lid and brow. The frame is now ready to be tried on the patient's face.



Figures 3 and 4

Figure 3 top. Bilateral ptosis more pronounced on O.S. Note position of lid crossing pupil on O.D. before and after. Here, different degrees of tension were required on each eye to establish an equal cosmetic opening. Previous correctible acuity was 20/80, 20/40. Present corrected acuity was 20/25, 20/20.

Figure 4. Unilateral ptosis resulting from injury. At left, patient is looking up to get maximum help from facial muscles to produce maximum opening of left eye. At right, patient is shown fitted with ptosis crutch. Note disappearance of wrinkled brow and cosmetic match with right eye.

6. Refine the position and shape of bend, if needed, as determined by the contact of the frame and wires with the upper lid recess. The wire should come back from the frame along the ridge of the nose into the upper inner canthus recess, and there it should make a right angle bend laterally, and be so arched vertically and laterally as to conform to the shape of the supraorbital recess, riding above the globe of the eye. The wire should be hidden in the loose skin found in the recess between the brow and lid.

7. Check the tension of the wire by either bending it closer to, or further from, the lid until the tension just holds the lid normally open and allows for complete lid closure on the blink reflex. The wire should just carry the lid back to a normally open position. Match the opening in both eyes by varying tension accordingly on each side and by

causing the wire to contact the lid at a relatively higher or lower point in order to get less or more opening, respectively.

8. Cut off any excess wire protruding from the temporal canthus with a Chappel plier, and then ball some solder on this free end, and bend this end away from the eye. This will afford a blunt end and will also provide a hook for the thumbnail of the patient to catch the wire when adjustments at the point of contact of the wire are necessary. The patient can thus manipulate the wire to the position of maximum efficiency and comfort.

9. Clear nail polish may be used over the wire on those patients who are allergic to white gold, and can be replaced periodically when necessary. Different shades of nail polish can be used on some patients to better conceal the wire.

10. Check the tension of the frame against the face by keeping the temple fit snug so that the frame hugs the face.

11. Now, with the ptosis assembly comfortably fitted, you may begin your normal complete refraction.



Figures 5 and 6

Figure 5 top. Bilateral ptosis, congenital with characteristic protruded jaw and wrinkled forehead. Almost complete occlusion of the O.S. Previous correctible VA—20/40. Present corrected VA—20/20.

Figure 6. Monocular ptosis of O.S. with past history of ptosis surgery. Eye began to droop again two years following surgery. Note arched eyebrow over O.S. and how lid crosses pupil before and after ptosis fitting. Here it is necessary to produce the proper tension to match the cosmetic opening of the right eye.

It is unwise to refract the patient without having first fitted the ptosis crutch in the exact frame to be used because in every case I have fitted, the astigmatic refractive error has changed retinoscopically, as well as subjectively, with the lids elevated to a normal position. This change has always been in the direction of newly induced "against-the-rule" astigmatism, showing itself as an increase of minus cylinder axis 90, or a decrease of minus cylinder axis 180, as compared to the refractive status before correcting the ptosis. This can be explained in part by the fact that with the condition of ptosis, the patient has optically a horizontal stenopaeic effect produced which will, of course, focus a vertical line on the retina.

This preference for vertical lines will, in the subjective clock-dial technique for astigmatic correction, indicate the acceptance of minus eye axis 180, which is decreased when the stenopaeic effect is removed. Also, it has been pointed out that when the weight of the entire lid is removed from the vertical meridian of the globe, the "with-the-rule" astigmatism decreases due to the resultant flattening of the vertical meridian of the cornea; and the "against-the-rule" astigmatism increases. It is, therefore, necessary to refract and prescribe to the patient while the lids are in their elevated position.

Bifocals should be set about two millimeters higher than previously worn so that the top of the segment crosses between the lower pupillary rim and lower lid margin. This becomes necessary because the previous head position of the patient, with the chin jutting out as far as possible, will no longer be utilized now that the lids are being supported by the ptosis crutch.

The accompanying pictures of patients I have fitted, showing the condition of the eyes before and immediately after a ptosis fitting, will best illustrate the remarkable results achieved in each case. Note the characteristic picture, in each case, of the wrinkled forehead and arched eyebrows as the patient tries to use the occipito-frontalis and corrugator supercilii muscles to raise the lids. You see the tense facial expression and the characteristically raised or protruding jaw accompanying the elevated head position. Notice how this wrinkled forehead, arched eye-

brows and elevated protruding jaw disappear after the ptosis wires are fitted. The pictures were taken immediately before and after, as evidenced by the same clothing worn by the patient, so that the effect is an instantaneous one, both cosmetically and visually.

Where They Are . . .

Dr. Oscar R. Bredeweg ('16) has closed his office at 1279 Phillips Ave., Terre Haute, and is again practicing at his former location, 320 S. 4th St., Clinton, Ind. *Dr. Norman A. Fox* ('51) has moved his office from Route 1, Box 32, Odessa, to 7704 Highland Ave., Tampa, Fla.

Dr. W. J. Harman ('48) who has been Practicing in Orleans, has relocated in Huntington, Ind. His new address is 410 S. Jefferson St.

Dr. Paul A. Henderson ('38), who has had an office in the Realty Bldg., Bessemer, Ala., has taken space at 1518 Fourth Ave.

Dr. Jack R. Lane ('50) is now located at 5½ S. Main St., Buckhannon, W. Va. having moved into town from Rt. 3, Box 189. The former office of *Dr. Conrad G. Nauman* ('50) has been moved from 8486 Central, N.E. to 43rd and Central, N.E., Minneapolis, Minn.

Dr. Harold Ripple, Jr., ('47) has moved his office from the Bierer Bldg. to 121 S. 6th St., Hiawatha, Kans. *Dr. A. Paul Richardson* ('46) announces his change of address from 809 Mott Foundation Bldg., to 2610 Davison Rd., Flint, Mich.

Dr. John C. Sugg ('49) now has an office at 15 N. Block St., Fayetteville, Ark.; he was formerly at 329 N. Main St., in Siloam Springs.

A card received from *Dr. James R. Watkins* ('50) gave his change of address from 812 Euclid to 108 Walnut St., Lexington, Ky. *Dr. Max Wexler* ('50) has taken space at 1012 Sylvania St., having moved his office from 322 Commerce Bldg., Toledo, Ohio. *Dr. Frank M. Zuras* ('48) who formerly had maintained his practice in Clayton, Mo. has moved to nearby St. Louis. His new address is 209 N. 7th St.

New England Chapter Formed

The New England NICO Alumni combined an initial luncheon meeting Tuesday, March 15, with the 33'd Annual Congress of the New England Council of Optometrists. Dr. Charles A. Perron (June '38), North Adams, Mass., presided at the meeting.

Dr. Marguerite T. Eberl from Milwaukee (an honorary lifetime member of NICO Alumni) and Dr. Leo Manas (Mar. '46) from Chicago were guest speakers. They dwelt mainly on the consolidation of NICO and CCO. Dr. Ralph H. Green (Jan. '30), dean of the Massachusetts College of Optometry, talked on the importance of the privately owned college of optometry.

Support New College

The group then unanimously passed the following resolution, pledging support of ICO:

WHEREAS negotiations are under way for the consolidation of Chicago College of Optometry and Northern Illinois College of Optometry, for the purpose of establishing one school representing the student body of both schools now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the New England Chapter of the Alumni Association of the Northern Illinois College of Optometry go on record by unanimous vote to support the idea of a consolidation and lend our support, in every direction possible, to strengthen this consolidation.

Procuring students for the college came up for attention, and Dr. Perron pointed out the part the alumni could play by acting as student counselors. Nearly 200 alumni have begun serving in this capacity.

Recruiting new members, either lifetime or on the annual dues paying basis, was also a topic for discussion. Application blanks were distributed to facilitate membership in the alumni association.

Elect Officers

The following officers have been elected for the coming year: President—Dr. James Tramonti (May '48), Providence, R. I.; Vice-president—Dr. Benton F. Lyman (Dec. '39), New London, Conn., a lifetime mem-

ber; Registrar—Dr. William J. Berg (Feb. '49), Bellows Falls, Vt.; Treasurer—Dr. Rubin Jaffe (May '50), Portsmouth, N. H.; Secretary—Dr. Charles A. Perron.

All six states were represented among the thirteen alumni who attended the meeting. Besides those already mentioned, the following were present: Dr. Sidney Goldberg (Sept. '39), Milford, Conn.; Dr. Everett Porter (Dec. '43), Belfast, Maine; Dr. Albert W. Aizenstadt (Sept. '50), East Weymouth, Mass.; Dr. David W. Bartlett (May '48), Hingham, Mass.; Dr. John J. Howard (Sept. '50), Quincy, Mass.; Dr. Wm. F. Hraba (May '50), West Springfield, Mass.; Dr. Morton W. Silverman (May '50), Warwick, R. I. The interest displayed at this luncheon gives promise of the development of a well represented, active New England Alumni Chapter of NICO, integrated into the new ICO.

SERVING UNCLE SAM

Dr. Herbert R. Lux (May '53) and Dr. Max F. Wickers (Jan. '54) are now in military service. Dr. Lux is located at EENT Clinic, USA Hosp., Ft. Carson, Colo. He had been practicing at 2541 Monterey, Detroit, Mich. Dr. Wickers is at 3640th USAF Infirmary, Laredo AFB, Laredo, Texas. He had opened an office at 723 Topeka Rd., Topeka, Kans.

Six of the graduating class of May '54 are in U.S. Army hospitals. Dr. Dan Chapman, Lake City, Iowa, and Dr. Maurice Friedman, Chicago, are at Camp Chaffee, Ark. Dr. George Erickson, Chicago, is at Ft. Sill, Okla.; Dr. Leroy Harwitz, Baltimore, at Ft. Meade, Md.; Dr. Anthony J. Rosica, Batavia, N.Y. at Ft. Ord, Calif.; and Dr. Theodore Vender Boll, Jr., Muskegon, Mich., at Camp Carson, Colo.

Named To Wis. State Board

Dr. Daniel B. Fast ('33) has been appointed by Governor Kohler as a member of the Wisconsin Board of Examiners in Optometry. He succeeds Dr. E. W. Johnson, Berlin. Dr. Fast is past president of the Wisconsin Optometric Association, and a member of the AOA committee on Ethics and Economics.

KANSAS RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

The officers of the Kansas Chapter were re-elected at the annual meeting held April 4, at Hutchinson. They are: President, Dr. H. E. Ripple ('47), Hiawatha; Vice-President, Dr. Norman E. Abrahams ('49), Hillsboro; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. Charles B. Kraft ('38).

Dr. Ripple presided and read a statement from President John Kennedy, regarding the future of the Alumni Association in the merger of NICO and Chicago College. (The statement appears elsewhere in this issue). There was a record turnout, which included the following:

Dr. N. E. Abrahams ('49), Hillsboro
Dr. E. E. Brann, Independence
Dr. Robt. M. Coble ('51), Wichita
Dr. N. R. Daugherty ('19), Newton
Dr. Dale E. Dean ('49), Stockton
Dr. Wayne E. Frantz ('39), Iola
Dr. R. A. Geist ('40), Kingman
Dr. Franklin Harms ('50), Hillsboro
Dr. R. Ellis Hudson, Winfield
Dr. E. C. Jeffery ('50), Kansas City
Dr. J. W. Kensett ('50), Chanute
Dr. Charles B. Kraft ('38), Norton
Dr. L. L. McCormick ('49), Hutchinson
Dr. B. A. Nickel ('49), Winfield
Dr. E. B. Pauley, Manhattan
Dr. F. D. Reinhart ('49), Great Bend
Dr. William C. Reppart ('54) Ulysses
Dr. Paul E. Resler ('48), Hugoton
Dr. John Reynolds ('48), Topeka
Dr. H. E. Ripple ('47), Hiawatha
Dr. J. D. Rogers, Marysville
Dr. R. W. Rothweiler ('54), Hoisington
Dr. T. B. Schneider, Kansas City
Dr. Lew Smith ('48), Wichita
Dr. B. B. Sullivan ('25), Wichita
Dr. R. D. Weaverling ('35), Wichita
Dr. A. Wendell Williams ('36), Coffeyville
Dr. Olin G. Wollen, Ottawa

During the past year, Dr. Kraft has covered a good part of the state and has contacted a number of graduates of the college. He has turned in several new membership applications, and also has encouraged payment of membership dues. The Kansas Chapter has been active both in membership and in interest in student procurement for the college. Under the guidance of the re-elected officers, the chapter looks forward to another successful year.

Every man owes some of his time to the upbuilding of the profession to which he belongs.

—Theodore Roosevelt

RECEIVES MALINKA AWARD

Mr. Stanley Tanaka, Honolulu, a second-year student at Northern Illinois College of Optometry was the recipient of the William E. Malinka award. The award is made annually to the student who has the highest grade point average for his first professional year. Mr. Tanaka's average was 4.0. Prior to entering NICO he attended the University of Hawaii for two years, and the University of Oklahoma for one year.



Barry Parker (left) first Malinka award winner, congratulates Stanley Tanaka, 1954 winner.

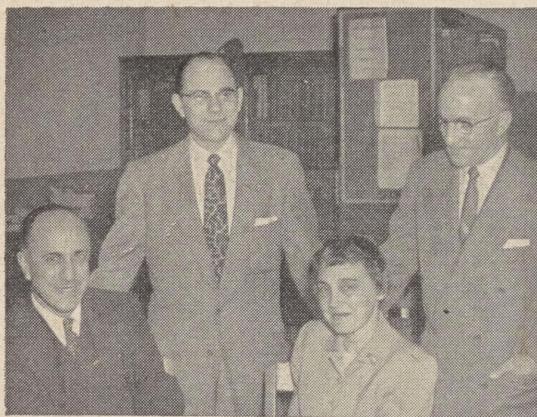
Winner of the award for 1953 was Mr. Barry Parker of Passaic, New Jersey. The award was established by Dr. William E. Malinka, Jr. of Jersey City, an alumnus, in memory of his father who also received his optometric training at NICO. A May, 1949 graduate, Dr. Malinka was a member of the Delta Kappa Epilson fraternity and served as President of the New Jersey Club.

The First Heir

Dr. Kingsley Bennett, a graduate of the class of May, 1954, stopped in recently to renew acquaintances and also to announce a very important event, the birth of a son, Jeffrey King, on May 27. This is Dr. and Mrs. Bennett's first child.

The Bennetts have been at home in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, but now Dr. Bennett is stationed in the military hospital at Ft. Ord, California.

Save Your Vision Week
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Pictured here in a brief discussion before the student assembly began are (from left) President Feinberg, Dean Kushner, Mrs. Gray, Dr. Moore.

affliction known as retrolental-fibroplasia found in premature infants. Although strictly a medical problem, Mrs. Gray believes that the optometrist should be informed, and aware of the research and treatment that is currently under way for this condition.

Editor Speaks

Speaking from the editor's point of view, Mr. Stealey said that the students about to enter the profession at this time are extremely fortunate. He pointed out the 27 years of ground-work that has been laid by the optometric press, American Optometric Association, educators, lecturers, public relations people, and by special national events such as Save Your Vision Week. "All have been working toward a common goal for your future success," he said.

Largely through the efforts of the ISPR the way has been paved in Illinois for the new optometrist to take his rightful place in interprofessional relations. He urged the undergraduate to begin right now to take an interest in his state agencies and in legislature pertaining to better eye care, and to act, if necessary. He, too, emphasized the optometrist's responsibility and obligation to the men, women and children in his community. He pointed out that unnecessary hardships—even blindness—may result if one single step of a visual examination is bypassed.

"The future for optometry is probably

brighter today," he said, "than it has ever been before."

Dr. Moore addressed the students briefly, assuring them that the optometric schools are a very important part of the profession. He urged them to continue their interest in the activities of NICO after they have been graduated, and to keep informed about what is taking place in optometric education.

KENTUCKY ALUMNI GET TOGETHER

An informal get-together of NICO Alumni in Kentucky took place during the Kentucky Optometric Association meeting in Louisville in May. Dr. Fern Ivy ('49) of Madisonville, acted as chairman of the meeting. General discussion about the aims of the Alumni Association and the college paved the way to forming a regular chapter in the state. Need for membership was stressed, and the important role of the Alumni in relation to their Alma Mater was pointed out.

Those present were:

Dr. D. E. Allen ('49), Columbia; Dr. Elmer Pieper ('49), Covington; Dr. Geo. V. Flaig ('22), Covington; Dr. Wm. Schambach ('48), Newport; Dr. Sam A. Hauser ('35), Covington; Dr. J. B. Settles ('48), Berea; Dr. John W. Strother ('47), Henderson.

Dr. Hollender Honored

The Chicago Daily News of May 17 carried an item stating that Dr. Samuel S. Hollender, who maintains an office at 5 N. Wabash, has been named "Man of the Year" by the Chicago Federation of the Union of Hebrew Congregations for his "distinguished contributions to the advancement of American liberal Judaism." Dr. Hollender is a lifetime member of this organization's National Board of Governors.

The honor was conferred at the 100th anniversary dinner of Reform Judaism in America, held at the Palmer House.

NICO's interest in this news item is the fact that Dr. Hollender is an alumnus, a graduate of the class of 1922.

One of the earliest treatises on vision, "Optica," was written in 300 B.C. by Euclid.

Don Tillman (Sept. '50) Reports

Dear Fellow Classmates:

Time has passed since we were graduated in Sept., 1950, and today finds me a married man with one little girl, nearly two years old. I live in Riviera Beach, Fla., and my address is 1602 Broadway.

On July 2, 1954, I was stricken with an acute attack of spinal-bulbar polio. It left me almost completely paralyzed, and I was on the critical list for more than two weeks. My fellow optometrists in this area kept my office open on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. My wife made the appointments. I had opened my office just six months before, and was doing pretty well considering the short time.

My sister, Ruby, who is a physical therapist, had quit her job in Seattle, and was in California taking a special course in treatment of polio patients when I became ill. It seems that the good Lord had it worked out even to the details, because when I look back now, it all seems like a story I read.

Ruby arrived here in Riviera Beach, and after consultation with my physician, arranged for my release from the hospital. I was taken home in an ambulance. I could not sit up without help. I could not get my elbows up off the bed, nor raise my legs, nor even roll over. Within a month's time, I was able to move around in bed, and sit up with help.

My doctor never expected me to be able to raise my arms up over my head, but at this writing (March 28, 1955) I can raise my left arm, and have a good start on the right. My right hand, index finger, and thumb were especially involved. In fact, I could just barely close my fist. My right hand is coming back slowly, and I know that in time I'll be able to do my own work in the office again. My legs responded remarkably well to the treatments. Today I can walk without crutches, although I use them and a long brace on my left leg. The sole purpose of the brace now is to keep my knee from hyperextending.

I am back at the office again part time,

and have a retired optometrist working for me. I still get very tired quickly, and take naps every afternoon. Needless to say, I'm still exercising as much as possible, and get treatments every morning.

Hope this gets to you in time for publishing in the ALUMNUS, and thanks for sending me my NICO Alumni membership card and for keeping me on your active list.

—Don Tillman

(The above was in reply to our request that Dr. Tillman tell us about his tragic experience.—The Editors.)

IOWA CHAPTER MEETS

The meeting of the Iowa Chapter was held April 18 in the Hotel Savery in Des Moines.

Dr. Charles A. Leonard ('48), 1911 Beaver Ave., Des Moines, was elected state chapter chairman for the 1955-56 term.

Dr. Roy W. Hinson of Fairfield, immediate past chairman of the chapter, presided. The Hinson family is well represented at NICO. Dr. Hinson is a graduate of the mid-year class of 1917. His son Rex W., is a graduate of the class of September 1950, and is practicing in Carroll, Iowa; another son, Daniel D., graduates this June. Dr. Hinson is a member of IOA, having served as zone chairman and vice-president for a number of years, the American Optometric Foundation, and Missouri Valley Optometric Society. He is national secretary-treasurer of the alumni association.

Dr. Hinson urged the alumni to make a special effort during the summer months to interest the college students in optometry and encourage them to enroll in NICO. He stressed the need for the continued support of the alumni fund.

Thirty-five alumni attended the meeting and four senior students from the college. The students were Aaron Kruse, Sheldon; Robert Vander Meer, Hull; Ray Wilson, Webster City; and Daniel D. Hinson, Fairfield. Dr. John J. Brady of Sheldon, Trustee, left a board meeting to make a hurried trip to Des Moines to report to the alumni the latest developments regarding the merger of NICO with Chicago College of Optometry.

NICO Explains North Central Accreditation Policy

THE Northern Illinois College of Optometry periodically has had pressure brought to bear by well-meaning and conscientious individuals that the College seek accreditation from the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

Since the American Optometric Association adopted the five-year educational curriculum—consisting of two pre-optometry and three professional years of study—NICO has offered the three professional years only. Students accepted for admission must have completed the two (or more) pre-optometry years of study at an accredited liberal arts college or university. These courses include physics, English, mathematics, biological science, chemistry, psychology or social sciences. This “two and three” program is followed by all of the independent and university affiliated optometry colleges except Pennsylvania State College of Optometry. PSCO requires that one year of pre-optometry be taken there. This is commonly referred to as the “one and four” program.

To comply with regulations proposed by certain state boards of examiners in optometry, NICO recently contemplated inaugurating the one and four program, and then applied to the North Central Association for accreditation. A meeting was arranged with Dr. Manning M. Pattillo, associate secretary of the NCACS. The answer was that no *independent optometry college* in the Midwest is eligible for accreditation.

A college or department of optometry which is an integral part of a university accredited by the North Central Association is, of course, included in that accreditation. However, an *independent college of optometry of comparable quality would not be eligible*. This ruling also applies to other schools offering highly specialized programs such as law, music, theology, art and technology.

Consequently, it is impossible for NICO or *any other independent college in the Midwest to be accredited by the North Central Association*. NICO is accredited by the AOA Council on Education, official and recognized accrediting agency in the profession of Optometry.

Following is the text of Dr. Pattillo's statement.

Statement re: Policy of Accreditation

“It is my understanding that under the regulations of the State Board of Optometry in . . . persons who are to be licensed as optometrists in the state must in the future have graduated from a college of optometry that is accredited by the regional association. I am also informed that a similar policy is under consideration or is being advocated in other states. In view of this development I feel that some clarification of the policies of the North Central Association is required since a misunderstanding of these policies might well result in injustices to individual colleges of optometry.

“During the period 1932 to approximately 1950 the Commission on Colleges and Universities of the North Central Association had a policy of considering for accreditation any institution of higher education regardless of the type or scope of its program. In order to be eligible for consideration, an institution had only to show that it was incorporated not for profit and that it offered a program of post-high-school education. However, in recent years the North Central Association has followed the policy of limiting its collegiate membership to institutions that offered a substantial program of general education. There were two reasons for this change in eligibility requirements: first, in the nineteen states included in the territory of the North Central Association there are dozens of highly specialized institutions, and the Association has not felt equipped to evaluate these institutions properly; and, secondly, there exist in many of the specialized fields accrediting agencies that are conducting effective evaluations of the institutions in their fields. Among the types of institutions that are not eligible for North Central Association accreditation at the present time are independent schools offering highly specialized programs in optometry, music, theology, art, technology, and law. A college of optometry which is an integral part of a university accredited by the North Central Association is, of course, included in that accreditation, but an independent college of optometry of comparable quality would not be eligible for North Central Association membership if its program were limited or almost limited to professional work. Thus, the non-accreditation of a specialized professional school by the North Central Association is not necessarily an indication of educational weakness.

“I should like to mention that this eligibility policy differs markedly from the present policy of the Middle States Association, which, as you

know, has recently accredited the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry. If I am correctly informed about the program of the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry, it probably would not be eligible for regional accreditation if it were located in the territory of the North Central Association. This means that in the case of independent professional schools the accreditation of one school by its regional association and the non-accreditation of another school by a different regional association may reflect, not differences in quality between the institutions, but differences in the eligibility policies of the respective associations. Moreover, there is little likelihood that the North Central Association will modify its eligibility policy in the near future. The Association is now engaged in organizing a program of consultant and other professional services to its member institutions and does not wish to assume additional responsibility in the field of professional accrediting, and especially since such agencies as the American Optometric Association are much better equipped than we to protect the public and professional interests in these fields.

"I am taking the liberty of sending copies of this letter to several persons who undoubtedly have an interest in this problem. If I can be of further service in clarifying the policies of the North Central Association, please feel free to call upon me."

(Signed) Manning M. Pattillo
February 7, 1955 Associate Secretary

(Editor's note: The above statement also holds for the new Illinois College of Optometry.)

NICO PROF HAS NEW DAUGHTER

Dr. and Mrs. Paul F. Shulman, 9614 S. Chappel, Chicago, announce the birth of a daughter on March 14, at Michael Reese hospital. She has been named Holly, and has been welcomed home with love and curiosity by her three small brothers, Avery, Salo and Steven.

Dr. Shulman ('47) has been a member of the NICO faculty for the past eight years. He is associate professor of physiological and geometric optics, and serves on the clinic staff. He has gained national recognition for his work with fitting the ptosis crutch. One of his articles appears elsewhere in this issue.

Plato, Euclid, Galileo, Kepler, Helmholtz, and many other of the world's greatest scholars pioneered the early frontiers of optics and other sciences related to vision.

OKLAHOMA ALUMNI MEET



Meeting for luncheon on March 28 in Oklahoma City were from left (seated) Drs. F. E. White, W. I. Davis, T. F. Price, Paula Payne. (Second Row) Drs. D. S. Pierce, L. D. Brandt, K. P. Martin, F. Nossaman, R. Pruitt. (Back Row) Drs. R. G. Richardson, E. O. May, L. R. Hiatt, C. R. Herron.

Dr. Price was elected president; Dr. J. T. Petty, vice-president; Dr. Payne, secretary-treasurer. A surprise visitor was Dr. John Kennedy, national president, who addressed the group.

GEORGIA CHAPTER MEETS

Twenty-two members of the Georgia Chapter met Jan. 17 at the Bon Air Hotel in Augusta. In the absence of President Roy Archer, West Point, who was ill, Vice-President, Richard Clifford, Augusta, presided. Dr. Frank Broom of Jacksonville, Fla., was an honored guest.

Dr. Walker Matthews, Athens, alumni-liaison trustee of NICO, told the group of the probability of a merger of the College and Chicago College of Optometry. He also reported that NICO's operational budget was augmented considerably from the income derived from the former dormitory building, offsetting the deficit caused by low student enrollment.

Dr. Walter Wilson, Douglas, past national vice-president, urged each Alumnus to do his part in the student procurement program, and to support the Alumni Association by paying dues and keeping his membership up to date.

The nominating committee submitted the following slate of officers for election: Dr. Clifford, president; Dr. Marie Cooper, Warner Robins, vice-president; Dr. Robert Bailie, Waynesboro, secretary-treasurer.

"Five and Fifty"—A Statement From President Kennedy

THE YEAR 1954-55 has been a successful one for the Alumni Association of your college. My Alumni interest this past year has encouraged me to mention to the membership, wherever they have gathered, the significance of the words "Five and Fifty." Many of us were students for five year and should be alumni for fifty years. The five years were hours of work and effort which built for us the foundation that gave the security and position we hold in life today. Surely the fifty years as an Alumnus should contain a small measure of expression of appreciation for the rewards gained from the five years.

Membership has been increased, greater support of the college has been expressed, and the value of the Association has been made known to many graduates. As your president this past year, I have received great encouragement by numerous appearances before small optometric gatherings. My attendance at several state conventions was rewarding in hearing warm words of praise for the college and men who have graduated from our school. To be sure our goal has not been reached. We have not developed high membership from all the states, but many states have increased their membership and have pledged to continue to do so.

Officers Help

The four vice-presidents, Dr. Duperrault, Dr. Perron, Dr. Boss, and Dr. Schumaker, have actively helped in the critical decisions of the past year and have been a source of great encouragement to this office. It would be selfish of all of us to take any credit if we did not find the source for this credit in the great guiding light and "burner of the midnight oil," Mrs. Margarite McNall, the executive secretary of the Alumni Association for the past several years.

Changes Inevitable

One of the great certainties in life is change. You can be sure that changes will occur. There are constantly changes in nature, in biology, in time, in business, and even in optometry. The great change that is facing our Alma Mater today is of import-

ance to us. It is a good change and a progressive one. It marks another forward step made possible by the untiring effort of our Board of Trustees, our President, the Dean, the Faculty, and many others whose names would lend great length to this report, and great dignity, too.

Many of you remember the developmental evolution from Needles Institute to Northern Illinois College of Optometry. The change that is now taking place, and which will lead to the name Illinois College of Optometry, is another phase in this evolution.

Dr. Schumaker states, "Half of the optometrists in practice today are graduates of our college. These graduates number the most successful and the most influential members of the profession. Northern Illinois College is the oldest and greatest of them all. There are no fears, nor should there be, from any of the Alumni that they or their school will lose its tradition and identity and should the name be changed, it little matters whether it is North, South, or Central Illinois: It is still our Alma Mater."

May I encourage you to join now the hundreds of your colleagues in active support of the Alumni Association. We are strong in unity.

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Obituaries

Word has been received that *Dr. John C. Patty* (1938) Kingsport, Tenn., has passed away. Born Oct. 25, 1909 in Roanoke, Va., Dr. Patty has practiced optometry for 15 years. He was active in optometric organizations, and served as president of the Tennessee Optometric Association. He was also active in his community, having been president of the Civitan Club, and a member of the Lions Club and Toastmasters. He was graduated magna cum laude in Dec., 1938 from NICO, and received the McGuire Anatomy award. He was a member of Tomb and Key, the American Optometric Association, American Academy of Optometry, American Foundation of Optometry, and Optometric Extension Program.

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Dr. W. G. Talbott (June '10) of Bucyrus, Ohio, passed away Jan. 6. He had practiced optometry for more than 30 years, up until his retirement two years ago. Dr. Talbott was first president of the Crawford County Conservation League, and was secretary of the Moose Lodge. He was also active in local Boy Scout work. He is survived by his widow, three sons and a daughter.

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Dr. John P. Davey ('19) died Nov. 17, at his home in Indianapolis, Ind. Born in Pennsylvania, he lived in Indianapolis most of his life. He was a veteran of World War I, serving in Europe at Base Hospital 32. At the termination of his service he joined his father, Dr. Hugh D. Davey, in the practice of optometry.

Dr. Davey was a member of the Indiana State Board of Registration and Examination in Optometry for almost two decades, serving as secretary for most of this period. He also held office in the Indiana Optometric Association and was active in the American Academy of Optometry. NICO conferred the honorary D.O.S. degree on Dr. Davey.

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Word has been received that *Dr. Isidor J. Selk* ('09), formerly of 876 E. 163rd St.,

Bronx, N. Y., passed away late in 1954. He is survived by his widow, Helen, who donated Dr. Selk's diploma to the College in memory of her husband.

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Dr. Alva Grider ('18) Jamestown, Ky., passed away January 29, 1955, of a heart attack. He was 64 years old. He was active in optometric organizations, and served as secretary-treasurer of the Eastern Kentucky Optometric Society for more than 20 years. He was a member of the American Optometric Association and the American Foundation of Optometry. Active in civic affairs, he wrote a weekly column, *Around Town and Countryside*, and was a member of the Jamestown Lions Club. Dr. Grider received a Bachelor of Optics degree from the former Northern Illinois College of Ophthalmology and Otology, took post graduate work at NICO, and also at the Pennsylvania State College of Optometry. He was not married.

MILITARY APPOINTMENT

Word has been received that Dr. Alexander L. Tulos (May '48) of Big Rapids, Mich., has been appointed a First Lieutenant in the Michigan National Guard, and a platoon leader in the local organization. Dr. Tulos' military career began in 1942. He served in the U. S. Armed Forces, Ordnance Corps, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland, and was later transferred to several camps on the west coast. He was attached to a unit at Okinawa for 10 months and then served in Korea. He was promoted to captain in 1946, and in 1953 released to the Army Reserves. Active in the Michigan Optometric Association, Dr. Tulos has practiced in Big Rapids since 1948. He is affiliated with the Omega Delta fraternity, and also the Knights of Columbus and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

STUDY GROUP SPEAKERS

Dr. A. L. Klein (Nov. '46) Spirit Lake, Iowa, spoke to the Great Lakes Study group recently at Estherville on public relations for optometry. His associate, a recent NICO grad, Dr. D. D. Wycoff (May '53) also addressed the group on anatomy and diseases of the crystalline lens of the eye.

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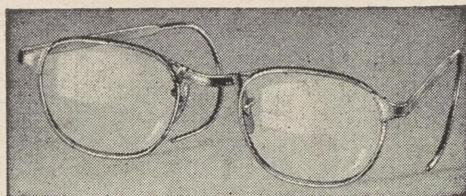
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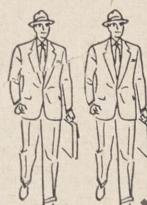
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